

In the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 3, 11 and 12, without prejudice; and amend Claim 1 as indicated below. The status of all claims is as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A liquid crystal display (LCD) panel, comprising a display area for displaying images, and a frame area that surrounds the display area, wherein the frame area comprises:

a transparent substrate,

a plurality of color filters provided side-by-side on the transparent substrate, each of the color filters filtering one of at least two predetermined colors,

a first electrode that counters the color filters,

a second electrode that counters the first electrode, and

liquid crystal that is inserted between the first electrode and the second electrode,

wherein the first electrode and the second electrode are connected to a common ~~voltage.~~ voltage, and

wherein said liquid crystal display panel is a normally-black liquid crystal panel.

2. (Original) The LCD panel as claimed in claim 1, wherein each of the color filters is one of red, green, and blue colors.

3-4. (Cancelled)

5. (Original) The LCD panel as claimed in claim 1, wherein thickness of the color filters in the frame area is equal to thickness of a plurality of color filters in the display area.

6. (Original) The LCD panel as claimed in claim 1, wherein a transparent protective coat is provided between the color filters and the first electrode.

7. (Original) The LCD panel as claimed in claim 1, wherein a spacer member for regulating the thickness of the LCD panel is provided in the frame area.

8. (Original) The LCD panel as claimed in claim 1, wherein an area occupancy ratio of the color filters in one color is different from an area occupancy ratio of the color filters in another color.

9. (Previously Presented) The LCD panel as claimed in claim 1, wherein a suitable driving voltage is applied between the first and second electrodes such that the combined light passing through the color filters makes the frame area appear black.

10. (Previously Presented) The LCD panel as claimed in claim 1, wherein the voltage passed between the first and second electrode is kept below a threshold value such that the combined light passing through the color filters makes the frame area appear black.

11-12. (Cancelled)

13. (Previously Presented) The LCD panel as claimed in claim 9, wherein each of the color filters is one of red, green, and blue colors.

14. (Previously Presented) The LCD panel as claimed in claim 10, wherein each of the color filters is one of red, green, and blue colors.